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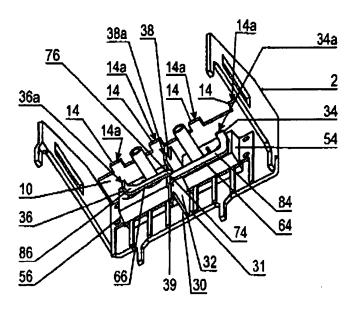
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to an optical connector for connecting plastic optical fibers for establishing multimedia connections in motor vehicles according to the MOST<sup>®</sup> standard with an ESD protection. The object formulated for the invention is to provide a connector which is resistant to voltage flashovers and, in particular, can be handled in a simple manner even after the effect of moisture. The object is achieved by means of an optical connector comprising a dielectric connector housing with a receptacle, an optical connection element and an electro-optical converter, wherein provision is made of at least an electrically conductive protection element against electrostatic discharges in the region of the receptacle.

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